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FM USINT HAVANA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 312

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TAGS: CASC
SUBJ: EVALUATION OF CONSULAR FUNCTION

REF: STATE 244854

1. USINT IS NOT ABLE TO RESPOND TO REFTTEL IN SUGGESTED
FORMAT BECAUSE OF SEVERAL FACTORS. AS BUREAU AWARE,
POST WAS OPENED ON 1 SPET 77 IN OLD US EMBASSY OFFICE
BUILDING. FBO IS NOW DEVELOPING PLANS TO RENOVATE AND
FURNISH ALL OB SPACE, INCLUDING CONSULAR. THE FULL
SCOPE AND COST OF THAT PROJECT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.
WE HAVE ORDERED A BASIC STOCK OF CONSULAR EQUIPMENT
AND SUPPLIES THAT ARE NOW ARRIVING AT POST. WE WILL NOT
KNOW WHETHER THESE ARE SUFFICIENT UNTIL WE HAVE
MORE EXPERIENCE WITH CONSULAR OPERATIONS AND WORKLOADS.
THERE ARE NO FSL POSITIONS IN HAVANA. ALL SERVICES,
INCLUDING PERSONAL SERVICES, ARE PERFORMED BY CONTRACT.
CONTRACTORS WORKING AT USINT ARE TECHNICALLY EMPLOYED BY CUBALSE,
THE STATE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AGENCY. THE POST MOTOR VEHICLE FLEET
APPEARS SUFFICIENT TO HANDLE ALL CURRENT USINT REQUIREMENTS,
INCLUDING THAT OF OUR CONSULAR SECTION. EXTERIOR GUARD SERVICE
FOR DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES IN CUBA IS PROVIDED FREE BY THE
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER IT WILL BE
NECESSARY TO AUGMENT OUTSIDE GUARDS WITH INTERIOR CONTRACT
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WATCHMEN.

2. USINT HAS TWO CONSULAR OFFICES WHOSE AGGREGATE ANNUAL
SALARIES TOTAL 43,909.

3. WE ARE PREPARING A FY-78 BUDGET WHICH WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO
ARA THE END OF OCTOBER. USINT IS RELUCTANT TO REQUEST AN AUGMENT-

ATION OF FUNDING LEVELS UNTIL WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
BOTH WORKLOAD AND SPENDING PATTERNS OVER A REASONABLE
PERIOD OF NORMAL OPERATION.
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